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SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ADDRESS TO THE U.N.

ANNCR: VOA NEWS ANALYST RONALD J. DUNLAVEY HAS THESE THOUGHTS ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ADDRESS TO THE THRITY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

VOICE:

THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ADDRESS TO THE THIRTY-FIRST U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY THURSDAY MAY TURN OUT TO BE HIS FINAL APPEARANCE BEFORE THE WORLD ORGANIZATION---AT LEAST IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL DEBATE.WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY FIRM GROUND FOR THIS SPECULATION, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH CERTAINLY WAS AN EXTENDED SURVEY OF SOME OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS HE HAS DEALT WITH AND THE MAJOR THEMES HE HAS STRESSED DURING HIS CAREER AS SECRETARY OF STATE.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PRIME SUPPORTER OF DETENTE, AND HE STRESSED ITS IMPORTANCE AGAIN THURSDAY. AS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST, HE WARNED OF THE NEED FOR BIG-POWER RESPONSIBILITY IN THE NUCLEAR AGE. ONCE AGAIN, HE WARNED THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST MILITARY INTERVENTION ON OTHER CONTINENTS---OBVIOUSLY WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA IN MIND. A MAJOR ARCHITECT OF THE STRUCTURE OF NEW CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS, HE AGAIN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED EFFORTS TOWARD NORMALIZATION. LONG ASSOCIATED WITH SUCCESSFUL PEACE INITIATIVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HE INDICATED THAT THE STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY HE PURSUED IN TIMES PAST HAS NOW OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS AND SHOULD BE SUPPLANTED BY EFFORTS AIMED AT A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION. HIS TENURE AS SECRETARY OF STATE HAS INCLUDED IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARD STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENTS, FORCE REDUCTION AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION---AND HE EMPHASIZED ONCE MORE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE GOALS. AND IN HIS

REMARKS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA---SCENE OF HIS LATEST AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT EFFORTS---HE UNDERLINED THE NEED, AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, FOR AN AFRICAN SOLUTION WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

MR. KISSINGER ANNOUNCED NO DRAMATIC INITIATIVES, OFFERED NO INSTANT SOLUTIONS, INDULGED IN NO RINGING RHETORIC. HE OFFERED A SOBER ASSESSEMENT OF THE PROBLEMS FACING THE NEW GENERAL ASSEMBLY---AND A FIRM RESTATEMENT OF FAMILIAR THEMES HE HAS PURSUED DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS. NOT ALL THE DELEGATES HAVE ALWAYS AGREED WITH MR. KISSINGER IN THE PAST, AND THEY PROBABLY DID NOT AGREE WITH EVERYTHING HE SAID THURSDAY, INCLUDING SOME CRITICISMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ITSELF, ITS TENDENCY---AS HE SAID---TO TAKE DECISIONS "ON A BLOCK OR REGIONAL BASIS BY RIGID IDEOLOGIES," TO INDULGE IN "BATTLE RATHER THAN NEGOTIATION." NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE WAS BEING LISTENED TO WITH CLOSE ATTENTION, AND THAT WHEN HE CALLED ON THE THIRTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO "FREE ITSELF OF THE IDEOLOGICAL AND CONFRONTATIONAL TACTICS OF SOME OF ITS PREDECESSORS AND DEDICATE ITSELF TO A PROGRAM OF COMMON ACTION" MR. KISSINGER, TO SOME OF HIS LISTENERS AT LEAST, MAY WELL HAVE STRUCK A RESPONSIVE CHORD.

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